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Application of:

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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
SELECTIVELY POSITIONING OF
FEEDING TUBES

Docket No. 30697

Group Art Unit No. 3763

Examiner: L. Thanh

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the office action dated August 14, 2002, reconsideration of the above application is requested.

Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3.

Please add in the following new claims:

13. In a method of placing a feeding tube in a patient wherein the feeding tube is inserted through the patient's nose or mouth and through the patient's pharynx for passage into and through the patient's esophagus for ultimate placement of the distal end of the tube in communication with the patient's small intestine, an improved method of determining that said distal tube end is passing